

# New Mexico Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative

Collaboration for Recovery, Resiliency and Empowerment



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## Behavioral Health Collaborative Conference Scheduled December 7-11, 2009 in Albuquerque

Registration Now Open for "Real People, Real Lives"

SANTA FE - The New Mexico Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative's Second Annual Conference, "Real People, Real Lives" will be held December 7 - 11, 2009 at the Embassy Suites in Albuquerque.

The Conference kicks off December 7 with a Local Collaborative Summit. This free event, limited to 200 people, is sponsored by the Behavioral Health Planning Council (BHPC). "This first day is a great opportunity for networking, sharing successes and learning what other Local Collaboratives are doing in the behavioral health world," said Chris Wendel, BHPC Chair.

Conference workshops December 8-10 will focus on New Mexico's Best Practices, National Perspectives, an Integration of the two, and an Ethics and Cultural Competency Training day on December 11. "The Conference workshops are designed to provide exceptional learning events on innovative approaches that enhance people's abilities to create for themselves a life of dignity, purpose and hope in aspects of life that give it meaning," said Linda Roebuck Homer, Collaborative CEO.

An impressive array of nationally recognized leaders from New Mexico and from across the country will help strengthen the New Mexico systems of care to provide an optimal learning experience.

The keynote speakers are:

- **Thomas McLellan**, Ph.D., CEO of the Treatment Research Institute and Deputy Director of the Office of National Drug Control
- **Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola**, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Internal Medicine, School of Medicine, University of California at Davis.
- **King Davis**, Ph.D., Sutherland Chair in Social Work at the University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work.
- **Ernie Larsen**, Nationally known author and lecturer and a pioneer in the field of recovery. Mr. Larsen has authored and produced more than 55 motivational self-help books.

Early bird registration for all four days of the Conference, including the Ethics or Cultural Competency Training is \$260 before November 22, 2009 and \$290 after that date. Early bird registration for Dec. 8-10 is \$169 and \$199 after November 22. Registration for just the Ethics or Cultural Competency Training is \$139. One day attendance registration for Dec. 8-10 is \$80.

The conference has applied for Continuing Education approval from several professions and boards.

For complete information about the conference, agenda, registration, continuing education, and more please visit the conference website at [www.bhcollaborative.org](http://www.bhcollaborative.org) or contact Harrison Kinney at [Harrison.kinney@state.nm.us](mailto:Harrison.kinney@state.nm.us)

### *About the Collaborative*

The Collaborative was created in 2004 by the Governor and the Legislature to allow most state agencies and resources involved in behavioral health treatment and recovery to work as one in an effort to improve mental health and substance abuse services in New Mexico. This cabinet-level group represents 15 agencies and Governor Bill Richardson's office.

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